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## **BY ECF**

The Honorable Kenneth M. Karas United States District Judge Southern District of New York 300 Quarropas Street White Plains, New York 10601

The Honorable Victoria Reznik United States Magistrate Judge Southern District of New York 300 Quarropas Street White Plains, New York 10601

Re: United States v. Joel Drezdner, 22 Cr. 148-KMK-2

Dear Judges Karas and Reznik:

The Government writes respectfully to request that the Court adjourn the change-of-plea hearing scheduled in the above-captioned matter from June 15, 2023, to July 12, 2023, at 11:00 AM. The Government learned today that the defendant has retained new counsel, and this counsel needs time to review discovery and get up to speed on the case. The parties anticipate that a pretrial resolution can still be reached in this matter. Accordingly, the Government requests that the change-of-plea hearing be rescheduled rather than removed from the Court's calendar. Based on representations made on a phone call with the Court this morning, the Government's understanding is that defense counsel joins in the requested adjournment or consents to it.

The Government also respectfully requests that the Court exclude time under the Speedy Trial Act through July 12, 2023, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h) in the above-captioned matter because the interests of justice outweigh the public's and the defendant's interest in a speedy trial. The requested exclusion will permit newly retained defense counsel to review the discovery in this matter, the Government to prepare additional discovery, and the parties to continue to discuss a possible pre-trial resolution of this matter. Defense counsel for Mr. Drezdner consents to the requested exclusion of time.

I thank the Court for its consideration of this submission.

Respectfully submitted, DAMIAN WILLIAMS United States Attorney

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Granted. Time is excluded, in the interests of justice, until July 12, 2023. This exclusion is needed to allow new counsel to review the discovery in this case. The interests of justice from this exclusion outweigh the public's and Defendant's interest in a speedy trial. See 18 U.S.C. Section 3161(h)(7)(A).

30 Ordered.

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